

REMARKS

Allowance of Claims

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 24, 25, 28-30, 33-35, 38, 39, 41, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 51, 53, 57-65, 69-84 and 86-90.

Applicant is amending Claims 24, 29, 34, 39, 44, 49, 57, 58 and 59 to correct some informalities in the claims. These amendments should not affect the allowability of these claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these amendments be entered and allowed.

Claim Objection

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to Claims 54-56. In order to advance the prosecution of this application and in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants are canceling Claims 54-56. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is submitting an information disclosure statement (IDS) herewith. As explained in the IDS, with the exception of one reference which was cited in the specification, these references were either recently cited in an office action in one of two corresponding Japanese applications or are the family members of these references. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action on this application.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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